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Re: Public Records Access No. 20876

Dear Ms. Best:

This is in response to your September 17, 2019 request, which has been assigned the above-referenced filing number under the Port Authority's Public Records Access Policy.

We would be very happy to respond to your request. But as it is currently framed, your request is exceptionally broad. The request is not specific and precise as to what records are actually being sought, and the request seeks an inordinately large volume of records. Broad requests can require an enormous expenditure of agency resources and can take an especially long period of time for us to turn around on your behalf. And with broad requests, it can be especially difficult for us to discern what is important to the requester, and what the requester may have included only to help ensure that he or she is getting what is especially crucial from his or her perspective. Against this backdrop, we ask that you modify your request, to make it substantially more narrow and more specific --- so that we can work efficiently, with a focus on getting you the materials that are most important to you. If we don't hear from you one way or another within five business days, we will close this request. If we do hear from you within five business days, we will begin our work.

Very truly yours,



William Shalewitz  
FOI Administrator

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:59:52 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

**To:** PA FOI

**Subject:** New York Freedom of Information Law Request: Expenditures relating to visits from federal officials (The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey)

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September 17, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law, I hereby request the following records:

Records describing, authorizing or mentioning expenses or personnel assignments in response to or accommodation of visits from officials in the federal government between January 1, 2001 and the present.

I am a member of the news media and request classification as such. I have previously written about the government and its activities, with some reaching over 100,000 readers in outlets such as Gizmodo, MuckRock, Motherboard, Property of the People, Unicorn Riot, and The Outline, among others. As such, as I have a reasonable expectation of publication and my editorial and writing skills are well established. In addition, I discuss and comment on the files online and make them available through non-profits such as the library Internet Archive and the journalist non-profit MuckRock, disseminating them to a large audience. While my research is not limited to this, a great deal of it, including this, focuses on the activities and attitudes of the government itself. As such, it is not necessary for me to demonstrate the relevance of this particular subject in advance.

As my primary purpose is to inform about government activities by reporting on it and making the raw data available, I request that fees be waived.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Emma Best

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